

13 December 1968

COINS User Training Panel

Meeting of 12 December 1968

1. In attendance:

[Redacted]

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3. NSA passed out a description of the SMR file, [Redacted]

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4. The main subject of the meeting was final review of the Panel report to be delivered to the COINS Manager on 16 Dec. 1968. The Chairman will write the final version and send copies to Panel members at the same time it is given to [Redacted]

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5. Additional topics for future consideration emerged, as follows:

a. While CIA seems to be aware of the format and requirement for a COINS Data Base file, DIA is aware of no details, but only a general understanding to furnish data to NSA to be compiled. NSA expects a document to come out soon, since it has been seen in draft form just yesterday.

b. Publicity for COINS as a possible Panel function was raised again. Much of our effort so far has been getting ready to deal with the student once he shows up, but little has been done to get him interested. Something needs to be done to publicize what the system can do, and relate it to the files which are on, so that analysts will want to use the system. Movies as motivation were discussed, but a more attainable facility might be the TV recording facility which NSA has. [Redacted] will inquire about its availability, and other members will think about using it.

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c. More writing needs to be done to describe the files, perhaps with more than one purpose in mind: to interest people; to inform them, as a user. [ ] proposed that the NSA single sheet on SMP of last month may be a sample, and suggested that DIA and CIA each prepare something on one of their files. Strict adherence to format is not desirable at this time.

d. NPIC may arrange a discussion of their files at next meeting.

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